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SUBJECT: REPORTED MITI PRICE GUIDELINES FOR DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTS

1. LOCAL PRESS (NIHON KEIZAI) REPORTED OCT. 17 THAT MITI HAD RELEASED A DRAFT PRICE GUIDELINE FOR REFINED OIL PRODUCTS SOLD IN JAPAN BY DOMESTIC OIL REFINERS. PROPOSED GUIDELINES WOULD REPORTEDLY EASE PREVIOUS RESTRICTIONS AND ARE DESIGNED TO HELP OIL REFINERS AND WHOLESALERS TO PASS ON TO CONSUMERS CRUDE OIL PRICE INCREASES IN TWO PHASES. FIRST PHASE WOULD COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES OIL REFINERS SUFFERED BEFORE OCTOBER OPEC PRICE INCREASE; SECOND PHASE WOULD RAISE PRICE LEVEL TO COVER THE OPEC'S 10 PERCENT INCREASE THIS MONTH. THE TWO-PHASE PRICE ADJUSTMENT MEASURES REPORTEDLY ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY END 1975.

2. IN FIRST PHASE, THE AVERAGE INCREASE FOR OIL PRODUCTS PER KILOLITER WAS SET AT YEN2,050 (\$6.83 AT Y300 TO DOLLAR--A 7.4 PERCENT INCREASE) FROM PRICE LEVEL PREVAILING IN AUGUST 1975. THE RANGE OF INCREASES ARE EXPECTED TO BE NAPHTHA 18.7 PERCENT, JET FUEL 13.4
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PERCENT, HEAVY OIL B 17.9 PERCENT, AND HEAVY OIL C 13.5

PERCENT, GASOLINE (NO INCREASE), KEROSENE (2.7) AND
GA OIL 1.4 PERCENT.

3. MIT'S ENERGY OFFICE IS TO DETERMINE METHODS TO
IMPLEMENT GUIDELINES, EITHER THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE
GUIDANCE OR INDUSTRY'S VOLUNTARY EFFORTS.

4. AN OFFICIAL OF MIT'S ENERGY OFFICE EXPLAINED TO
EMBASSY THAT "PROGRAM" REPORTED IN PRESS IS ONLY ONE OF
THEIR POLICY OPTIONS AND THAT ALL ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER
REVIEW AND STUDY AMONG GOVERNMENT AGENCIES BEFORE A
FINAL POLICY DECISION IS MADE. HE OFFERED NO COMMENT
ON HOW AND WHEN EVENTUAL GUIDELINES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

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